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My People—A Whirlwind Is Coming— We Must Organize!

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**Suspicious
Hanging
Deaths
In Mississippi
New York
North Carolina
Alabama
and Illinois!**

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From the Desk of Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) President/General Zaki Baruti

My People – Wake Up and Smell The Coffee!!

A Sampling of Trump's Attack on Black, Brown and Poor People in this Country

- Black women have lost over 304,000 jobs this year according to the National Black Chamber of Commerce.
- His Systematic attacks on efforts to address America's history of racism in the public and private workforce through DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion).
- Diluting the Black and Brown vote by Gerrymandering per what has happened in Texas and Missouri this year.
- Federalizing the National Guard to intimidate our people in Washington DC and potentially other cities headed by Black Mayors and Progressive Democratic Governors.
- Cutting basic human services such as; Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP (Food stamps for the needy).
- Working to erase Black History from Books, Schools (the little that's being taught) and Museums.

Lest We Forget Emmett Till/Recent Suspicious Hangings In America

On Monday, September 15, 2025, in Cleveland, Mississippi, Delta State University 21-year-old student Demartravion "Trey" Reed was found hanging on campus from a tree near the pickleball courts at approximately 7:05am. Police say no evidence of foul play.

Hours after Reed's death around 1:30pm, Vicksburg, Mississippi Police Department responded to a call about a body (Cory Zukatis) found hanging in a wooded area off the 4100 block of Washington Street near the Ameristar Casino. Police said the investigation remains ongoing. Although police have assured the public that the two incidents are not connected, the proximity in timing between Reed's death in Cleveland, MS and Vicksburg, MS has drawn heighten attention, especially after Black colleges received bomb threats following the death of controversial, conservative activist and podcaster, Charlie Kirk.

Written by Joe Jurado published on June 19, 2025— On June 11, 2025, a Black man found hanging from a tree in Albany, New York, police call it suicide. While the police are calling it suicide, the local residents are skeptic and advocating more media presence.

September 6, 2024, The death of a young Black man who was found hanging from a tree in Henderson, North Carolina last week is being

compared to the lynchings of Emmett Till as local enforcement facing accusations of secrecy insists that he died by suicide. Javon Magee, a 21-year-old truck driver who called Chicago home was found on Wednesday, in the town of Henderson. Citing investigators, ABC 11 News reported that Magee was found "Not far from his truck, leaning with his back up against a tree and a rope around his neck. Magee was in Henderson making a delivery to the Walmart distribution center. Magee's family, led by a family member posted a viral statement on TikTok drawing attention to the hanging death, ruled out suicide as an option and said they strongly suspected possible foul play.

According to the Associated Press, in September 2024, 39-year-old Denorris Richardson was found hanging in an abandon building in a rural part of Colbert County, → [Continued on Page 11]



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BREAKING: Donald Trump's niece, Mary Trump, enrages MAGA world by sharing the cold hard truth – that her uncle is responsible for the “POLITICAL VIOLENCE” that he is desperately trying to blame on Democrats.

By Occupy Democrats | Facebook September 12 at 10:43 AM

We won't allow these fascists to gaslight us...

“Political violence and the rhetoric that drives it are almost entirely on the side of the Republican Party, and no person is more responsible for it than Donald Trump,” Mary wrote on her Substack.

“Facing that truth does not mean rejoicing in what happened to Charlie Kirk. Quite the opposite: It means coming to terms with what is driving the political violence in America today,” she wrote.

President Trump exploited the assassination of right-wing demagogue Charlie Kirk earlier this week by calling him a “martyr” and blaming the “radical left” even though the identity of the shooter wasn't known at the time. Even now, it's the killer's motive and political beliefs are unknown. Trump doesn't care. He saw an opportunity to sow division and he seized it.

Mary pointed out that Democratic lawmakers rushed to condemn Kirk's shooting while Republicans have sought to turn it to their political advantage by blaming Democrats and journalists. Comparatively, when Paul Pelosi was attacked in his home, conservatives celebrated and mocked the horrifying incident, with Donald Trump himself even joining in. Republicans demand an endless supply of empathy from liberals but provide none themselves.

“Donald has almost single-handedly created the

conditions in which his grievance, his vengeance, and his cruelty extend to anybody that supports him,” Mary Trump continued. “Anybody who opposes him or stands up to him or simply doesn't support him is his enemy and is therefore not worthy of protection. Worse, they are considered legitimate targets of abuse or revenge, cruelty or violence.”

“He has incited violence against his perceived political enemies as well as against his own government and then pardoned those who committed it on his behalf,” she went on. “This is not a ‘both sides issue.’ This is not a moment when we put aside our differences to come to some agreed upon notion about how to move beyond this. With Donald Trump and those who support, enable, and capitulate to him in power that would be impossible.”

“We have arrived here in large part because this country has been purposefully and maliciously divided against itself because of the rhetoric coming from Donald Trump and the Republican Party,” she added.

She went on to quote Kirk's own now-viral words. The MAGA demagogue said that the price of an “armed citizenry” is a certain number of guns deaths.

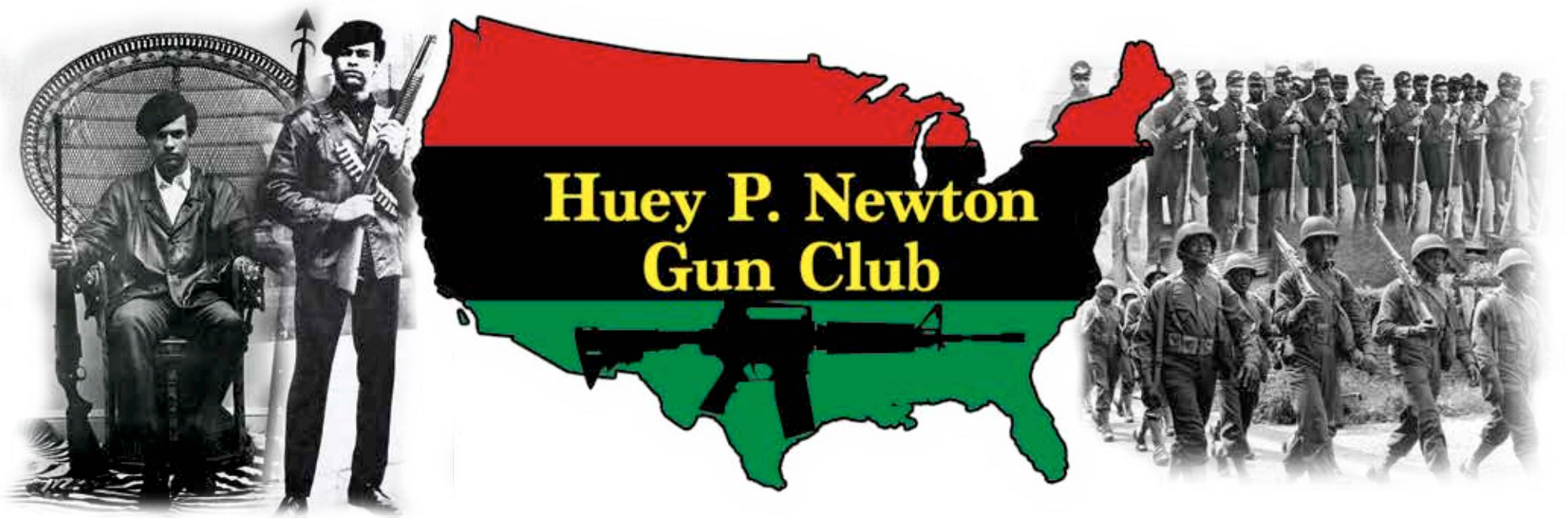
“But I think it's worth it. I think it's worth to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights,” said Kirk. “That is a prudent deal. It is rational. Nobody talks like this. They live in a complete alternate universe.”



Mary Trump empathetically but forcefully addressed his words—

“Well, unfortunately, the universe we live in is a universe created by people who actually think that guns in our society are more important than the lives of the people living in it,” she wrote. “Unfortunately, we live in a universe in which violence, political or otherwise, has been normalized by one party and one party only. The Democrats should condemn what happened today. Any decent right-thinking person should condemn what happened today.”

“But we are missing the point, we are, indeed, missing an opportunity if we do not take the tragedy that unfolded today as permission to start a broader conversation about how we got here, who's responsible, and quite frankly what the hell we are going to do about it,” she concluded.



Gun Culture IS Power:

Why African Americans Must Be Legally Armed and Ready

Gun culture is not a disease; it is a lifeline. It is the language of freedom in a nation built on violence, conquest, and oppression. For African Americans, to be (legally) armed and properly trained is not optional — it is survival. The same system that fears us armed is the system that has brutalized, enslaved, and murdered unarmed civilians for centuries.

Those who call gun culture “negative” want us weak, dependent, defenseless, and easy to control. They celebrate their own armed militias while demonizing us for demanding the same right to defend our lives, our families, and our future. History has shown us what happens when we are defenseless: slave patrols, lynch mobs, Jim Crow, police killings, and white supremacist terrorism.

The armed Deacons for Defense, the Panthers, Robert F. Williams, and every freedom fighter who dared pick up a rifle understood the truth: liberation is not handed out — it is defended. Today, AmeriKKKa teeters on the edge of a new Civil War, and we will not be victims again.

Gun culture, for us, is not about recklessness or committing crimes and acts of violence against our own community; it is about discipline, training, and readiness. It is about building a new generation that will never beg for safety or plead for mercy. It is about making it clear that our lives will not be taken cheaply.

To be unarmed in a time of open threats from Christian nationalists and well armed white supremacist militia's is to be complicit in your own

destruction. We must change the narrative and embrace firearms for Self-Defense, learn the laws in your state, train relentlessly, and prepare as if the storm is already here — because it is.

We will not be hunted. We will not be silenced. We must/will be ready.



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On Indifference: Wallace, Kirk, and the Politics of Black Mourning

By Timothy Benston

When George Wallace was shot in 1972, the segregationist governor who had once promised “segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever” suddenly became a figure of pity. Paralyzed from the waist down, he spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

Years later, he sought forgiveness from Black clergy, asking them to absolve him of the violence his words and policies had wrought. Many forgave him. Many more did not. But what struck me then — and still strikes me now — was how swiftly the nation wrapped Wallace’s broken body in compassion. He was suddenly a tragic figure, a man wounded by the same violence he had long encouraged. The cruelty of his career seemed almost forgotten in the flood of sympathy.

Once again, America has repeated that ritual. Charlie Kirk, dead at 31, was shot and killed at a Turning Point USA event in Utah. Within hours, the headlines framed him as a martyr of political violence, the networks broadcast his smile, and politicians from both sides of the aisle issued solemn appeals to “tone down the rhetoric.” His humanity was mass-mediated, replayed, broadcast, sanctified. But I could not help asking myself the same question that Baldwin might have asked: why is America so quick to humanize the men who dedicated their lives to denying the humanity of others?

For Charlie Kirk’s career was nothing if not an assault on Black dignity. He mocked Ketanji Brown Jackson as an affirmative action hire. He sneered that Black pilots could not be trusted to land planes. He trafficked daily in the idea that Black people are intellectually inferior, undeserving of equal place in American life. And his words

did not simply linger in the ether. They prepared the ground for action. We have already seen over tens of thousands of Black women purged from the federal workforce — a bureaucratic purge justified by precisely the suspicion Kirk legitimized. This is not abstract. That is violence: the loss of income, of healthcare, of stability, of future.

When Kirk joked — “ironically,” he insisted — that school shootings might have to be necessary to preserve the Second Amendment, there were no calls for restraint. When he poured contempt on Black professionals, there were no bipartisan statements urging him to moderate. But the moment he fell to an assassin’s bullet, suddenly civility became sacred. Suddenly both parties discovered their appetite for lower temperatures and calmer words. I cannot help but hear the hypocrisy in that call. For in America, rhetoric is never “too hot” when it burns Black lives. It is only too hot when it burns a white man.

This is why I defend my indifference, and the indifference of so many Black people, to Kirk’s death. Not because I celebrate violence. Not because I wish to see anyone murdered. But because I refuse to lie. I refuse to pretend that the man who denied my humanity deserves my tears. Baldwin wrote often of the lie of American innocence: the nation’s need to see itself as good, even as it destroyed lives. What we are witnessing now is another performance of that lie. In death, Kirk is baptized as human, his cruelty suspended, his rhetoric dissolved into tragedy. But I remember his words, and I remember their consequences.

It is not indifference that should shock this country. What should shock it is the centuries of indiffer-

ence to Black death. Where were the televised funerals for the children lynched in the South? Where were the bipartisan calls to moderate rhetoric after George Floyd was suffocated in the street, after Breonna Taylor was gunned down in her home, after Trayvon Martin was left in the grass? America asks Black people to perform empathy for their enemies, but never offers empathy in return. The white man’s death is always a tragedy. The Black man’s death is always a question.

George Wallace lived on, paralyzed but capable of seeking absolution. Charlie Kirk was cut down in his prime, with no chance for transformation. The nation mourns them both, but it has never mourned us. That is why my indifference is not cruelty. It is truth-telling.

It is a refusal to perform the national lie that every white man, no matter how hostile, deserves my mourning.

I do not rejoice in Charlie Kirk’s death. But I will not mourn it. My indifference is the most honest response I have — and the most radical, in a nation that has the audacity to demand that Black people weep for their enemies while refusing to weep for them.

**My tears belong to my people —
And I will not give them away.**

The Church Got Us Here

The church has always been a place in the Black community where plans and strategy were born. And sometimes even great leaders were forged from the church. A dim light has been cast over the church by White Nationalist. The Evangelical church folk put their culture over “thus said the Lord” in their Bible, and this is none other than hypocrisy at its finest. The Constitution and Bill of Rights are notable documents. Three reasons why God’s Word comes in second with their culture are: 1) the White Nationalist Evangelical Church folk and their affiliates elected a 34-count convicted felon 2) who has gone bankrupt more times that you can count on one hand; 3) and is an adjudicated sex offender. Can you believe they made this person President of these United States of America. This simply means God’s Word comes in second to their culture which is what the evidence is showing.

The White Nationalist Evangelical Church started talking about overturning Roe vs Wade which was the law of the land giving women the right to decide if they would have an abortion or not. White Nationalist didn’t make abortion an issue because they thought abortions were morally wrong. This decision had nothing to do with morals. Remember the White Nationalist Church just elected a man who is morally bankrupt. During his first term in the oval office he allowed babies to be separated from their mothers without proper paternity test and many have not been reunited to this day. White America made Roe vs Wade an issue because of the decline in White America’s birth rate (see Roland Martin’s book *White Fear How the Browning of America is Making White Folks Lose their Mind*). There is a

scripture in the Bible that does not get much attention which is Matthew 11:12(KJV) “And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force.”

When you contrast Jesus Christ’s Sermon on the Mount with Make America Great Again, this is what the scripture means when it says the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. If a lie is told loudly and long enough, to some it becomes the truth. This is what many of the White Nationalist Evangelical Churches are doing. “Lying.” You cannot have a church that preaches Jesus Christ and a culture that backs make America great again. This is how America and all its Nationalities have gotten to where it is today.

The church people were hijacked into politics by shrewd politicians. This is when the White Nationalists Evangelical became a cult.

The Black community and its churches should stay the course and continue to seek the true and living God and look within itself as did our ancestors and stand and see the Salvation of the Lord. The Church in the Black community is still the central nervous system of that community; therefore, the church must voice the true opinion of what America thinks of the Black community and navigate accordingly. If America wants to defund the Black community, then the churches of said community should respond in kind and ask Black people to withhold their dollars and present a spiritual and financial fast against America. The Black community has been forced into a Movement and not a moment; and Movements

Deacon JB Bond

require personal sacrifices. The Black community should redirect their dollars and spend less. This is the sacrifice.

Since the Black Community is a Nation within a nation, it must use the one superpower that it has, spending. This superpower has been overlooked, but it is the same one used in the Montgomery Alabama Bus boycott. By redirecting the spending of bus fare, but sacrificing for the Movement, that Public Transportation Company went out of Business. When another opened it allowed Black people to ride and sit anywhere on the bus they wanted to. This is why the Black community should have a spiritual spending fast against America, a Movement of sacrifice. America must rethink defunding the Black community and offer us a seat at the negotiation table on the Black community’s terms. The Black community’s greatest superpower is their faith in the true and living God. Since the so-called Church known as the White Nationalist Evangelical got us where we are today, now let the true faith believers in God’s Word get us out!

The great Frederick Douglass said, “Power concedes nothing without a demand.” Therefore, the Black community demands that the churches of the Black community call for a spiritual and financial fast for the next three years. The result of this will be the beginning of our moving freely in this United States of America.

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A Sampling of Supporters of the African NewsWorld Across The United States



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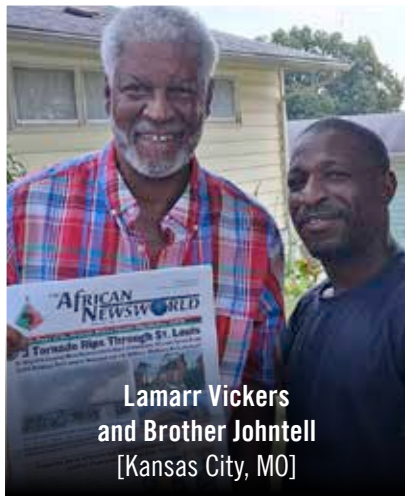
[L-R] **Lamont Reed, Darion Donald and Donald Reed**
[East. St. Louis, IL]



DL Mashall
[Kansas City, MO]



Zaki with Evaline Taylor and Sakarah Robinson
[Kansas City, MO]



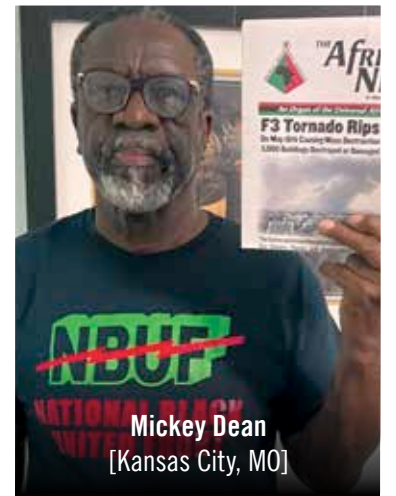
Lamarr Vickers and Brother Johntell
[Kansas City, MO]



GG Owens
[Kansas City, MO]



Quinn Walker and Family
[Kansas City, MO]



Mickey Dean
[Kansas City, MO]



Kendra Mallory
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Queen Freedom [Denver, Colorado]



Mike John Johnson, Owner of Pike's Theater and Bill Goodin
[Baltimore, Maryland]



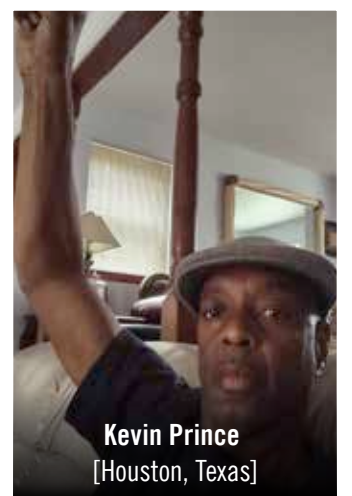
Denver, Colorado Supporters [L-R] Dee Bell, Queen Freedom and Myra Bradley



Kareem Muhammad
[Byram, Mississippi]



Jerry Knight [Jackson, Mississippi]



Kevin Prince
[Houston, Texas]



A Sampling of St. Louis UAPO Female Members Who Distribute the Newspaper
L-R Front Row: Valerie Thomas, Dr. Felecia Ann Hill, Brady Baruti, Dr. Carla "Coffee" Wright, Safiyah Chauvin, Queen Ziah, **Second Row:** Alberta Kizer, Assata Storm, Gwen "Imani" Cogshell, Kendra Fipps, Lisa Ambus, Callie Richardson, Carol Jackson, Shauntell Mason



A Sampling of St. Louis UAPO Male Members Who Distribute the Newspaper
L-R Front Row: Larry Freeman, Henry Nelson Croom, Zaki Baruti, Darin Lewis, Joe Scoggin
2nd Row: Aziz Azim, Metu Hotep, Amari Sneferu, Rev Richard Jackson, Greg Reed
3rd Row: Arnel "Oatmeal" Gines, Jashwa Eyasu, Chris Ali and Brother Kwame



UAPO Spiritual March

Coordinated By UAPO Minister of Pan African Affairs Amari Sneferu

A Special Thanks to Kunama Mpendaji for His Support [As seen carrying Red, Black and Green Flag]



JUNETEENTH UNITY PROCESSION

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SAT JUNE 14TH 2025

A SPIRITUAL MARCH FOR ST. LOUIS TORNADO VICTIMS

To kick off this year's Juneteenth Celebration, a procession march will be held honoring those who've lost their lives with an added focus; highlighting the local **Tornado Relief Effort**. The purpose of this (New Orleans style) spiritual procession is to inspire, uplift, heal, and rebuild our wounded St. Louis community.

We encourage you to wear white or something white during the procession march as white is often worn consistent with African culture in recognition of those who have made their ancestral transition.

This year's Unity Procession March will start at the intersection of Natural Bridge Ave and N. Newstead Ave, in the city of St. Louis. It will end; at the start of the **19th Annual Juneteenth Celebration** at the Sabayet Community Center's (stage area) located at the intersection of Bishop P. L. Scott Ave & Maffitt Ave.

We ask that marchers arrive at 9 o'clock am., as the procession march will promptly start at 10 o'clock am. The entire community is welcome to join in.

Organizations, churches, and civic groups that are interested in participating, please call UAPO Central Committee: 314-243-2776

19th Annual Juneteenth Celebration's Unity Procession March is sponsored by Sabayet Inc. in collaboration with Better Family Life's Tornado Relief Effort, and the Universal African Peoples Organization.



Participants in March



Marching Past the Devastation of the May 16th EF3 Tornado



Red and Black Band



UAPO Sisters [L-R] Gwen "Imani" Cogshell, Tracy Reese, Josephine Perkins, Clara Cheeks and Safiyah Chauvin



Marchers Gathering At Site of Juneteenth Program

On September 10th and 11th Thousands Rally At Missouri's State Capital Building In An Effort To Stop The Gerrymandering of Missouri's 5th Congressional District Held By A Black Man – Emanuel Cleaver – and The Attack On Missouri's Initiative Ballot Petitioning. Of Course, UAPO Supported This Massive Demonstration. Unfortunately, the Missouri Republican Dominated State Senate Ignored The Will Of The People At The Behest of Donald Trump And Voted To Dilute The Voting Power of Black and Poor People.



[L] A Sampling of outraged protesters inside Missouri State Capitol Building in Jefferson City, MO



[Above] Outraged protestors at the rally in Missouri State Capital Building



[Above] UAPO Members; Antwon Jones and Dr. Carla "Coffee" Wright chilling outside State Capital Building



The people listening to the rally speakers



Embattled Missouri 7th District Congressman Emanuel Cleaver spoke at the State Senate Hearing.



[L-R] UAPO Member Dr. Coffee Wright, Coalition Black Trade Unionist Lew Moye, UAPO President Zaki Baruti and JECMU Founder Anastasia Syes



UAPO Member Dr. Carla "Coffee" Wright forcefully speaking to the Missouri State Senate panel about the racism involved in reshaping the 7th Congressional district of Kansas City, MO on September 11th



On September 11th Zaki Baruti at the Missouri State Senate Hearing On The Gerrymandering bill. He exposed the hypocrisy of the Republican successful efforts in diluting the Black vote in the Kansas City 7th Congressional District.



UAPO Member Dr. Carla "Coffee" Wright and Protester with Powerful Sign

The UAPO Successfully Makes Its Yearly Donation Of School Supplies To Walbridge Elementary School Located in North St. Louis. This Yearly Project Is Led By UAPO Community Outreach Coordinator Gwen "Imani" Cogshell. A Special Thanks To Those Who Support Our Work!!



A Sampling of School Supplies Donated To Walbridge Elementary School By The UAPO



L-R: UAPO Outreach Coordinator Gwen "Imani" Cogshell, Walbridge Elementary School Principal, Vrhonnee Brown and UAPO President/General Zaki Baruti



UAPO Karaoke Night Celebrating New Members



UAPO July 7th Karaoke Celebrating New Members Holding Membership Certificates.
Standing [L-R] **Albert Brand Jr., Tamara Brand, Zaki Baruti, Demetrius Washington, Greg Reed, Safiyah Chauvin** and kneeling; **Darin Lewis**



August 4th Karaoke Celebrating New Member **Virginia Brown**



September 8th Karaoke UAPO Celebrating New Members; **Cynthia James, Lisa Ambus and Alberta Kizer**



A Sampling of New UAPO Members Receiving Membership Certificates
[L-R] UAPO Vice President **Safiyah Chauvin, Lori Hall, Kendra Fipps, Darin R. Lewis, Dwayne Marcell Cooper, Greg Reed, Alberta Kizer, Callie Richardson, Armel "Oatmeal" Gines, Lisa Ambus** and UAPO President/General **Zaki Baruti**

The UAPO Salutes Our International Ambassadors To Ghana, Nigeria and Gambia

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Photo taken in August 2025/ Accra Ghana.
◀ [L-R] UAPO Ghana Chapter Organizer **Kojo Living**, UAPO Kansas City MO Organizer, **GG Owens**, who will be moving to Ghana, West Africa later this year and serve as the UAPO Ambassador to Ghana, and her son and UAPO member, **Dorian Seats**, who will also move there along with other family members.



◀ UAPO Ambassador To Nigeria, **Sherry Perry**



UAPO International Ambassadors With President/General Zaki Baruti
[L-R] **Kendra Fipps** [Ambassador To Gambia], **Zaki Baruti**, **Metu Hotep** [Ambassador To Nigeria], and **Aziz Azim** [Ambassador To Tanzania]. *Not Pictured: GG Owens* [Ambassador To Ghana] and **Sherry Perry** [2nd Ambassador To Nigeria]



UAPO Ambassador To Nigeria, **Metu Hotep**, with Brothers/Mentors UAPO Minister Of Pan African Affairs, **Amari Sneferu** and President/General, **Zaki Baruti**, Extending Their Spiritual Blessings Upon Him As He Prepares His Move To Nigeria.



UAPO Supporter, **Metu Hotep** [Sitting], surrounded by well wishers to his commitment to move to Nigeria and serve as the UAPO Ambassador to that African country.



The UAPO 36th Annual Celebration of The Life and Legacy of The Honorable Marcus "Mosiah" Garvey



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- * Dr. Chef (Felicia Ann Hill) - Garvey's Posthumous Pardon

BLACK RESISTANCE UPDATE:

- * Kwame Sankara – Resistance Against Fascism
- * Amari Sneferu – African Report (Burkina Faso and the Sahel)
- * Aha Sa Djedu – Gerrymandering (Fighting Voter Suppression)

CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS:

- * Dr. Coffee Wright – Poem
- * African Drum Salute

UAPO COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- * Imani Gwen Cogshell

Note: Bring school supplies for Walbridge Elementary

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Attendees at Marcus Garvey Program



[L-R] UAPO Community Outreach Coordinator, **Gwen "Imani" Cogshell**, UAPO Minister of Pan African Affairs, **Amari Sneferu** and the UAPO Ambassador of Love, **Shauntell Mason**



Attendees at Marcus Garvey Program



Marcus Garvey Drummers Ensemble

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS... [cont. from pg 7]



Niani Senior Secondary School

UAPO Ambassador To Gambia, **Kendra Fipps** standing in the center with youth of Gambia.

Please support UAPO Ambassador To Gambia, Kendra Fipps Efforts To Help The Youth of Gambia

I'm writing to you not just as the CEO of Bridge Foundation, but as a friend and servant leader. Since November, WCM and the Bridge Foundation have been working in the Kuntaur Region of Gambia, and we've already helped 816 girls stay in school by delivering more than 11,000 sanitary napkins across five schools.

Now, I am asking for your support. Please stand with me by donating to the **2 for 2**

Challenge. Your contribution will help us continue this critical work and ensure no girl is left behind.

But the need doesn't stop there. Several villages in this same region are suffering because their wells have dried up or are insufficient. We are currently working with Mayor Jawara, and Bridge Foundation to give a village consistent, safe water as a pilot project.

In November, I will travel to The Gambia to advance this mission. I hope you'll join me.



Kuntaur Fula Kunda Senior Secondary School



Panchang Senior Secondary School

Nation of Islam Mosque 28 Presents Lifetime Achievement Award To UAPO President/General Zaki Baruti At Its 31st Savior's Day Award Banquet (September 27, 2025)



Minister Donald Muhammad along with Allen Muhammad and Charles Muhammad Presenting Lifetime Achievement Award To UAPO President/General Zaki Baruti



Long Time Community Activist **Anthony Shahid** [Founder Tauheed Youth Organization] Along With UAPO Members On Stage Celebrating Zaki's Award

[at Right] After Dinner Program, Family and UAPO Members with Zaki Baruti [L-R] Gwen "Imani" Cogshell, Queen Ziah, Joseph Zenon, Zaki Baruti, Brady Baruti, Jeffrey Reed, GG Owens, Takiyah Reed, Safiyah Chauvin, Larry Freeman and Dr. Carla "Coffee" Wright



[Below Listed Is The Biography of Zaki Baruti As Read At The Banquet]

Zaki Baruti (Lavoy Reed): Sixty Years of Community Service - Advocacy - Activism

Zaki Baruti was born in Aberdeen, Mississippi on September 27, 1947. His given name at birth was Lavoy Reed. In 1980, he chose his cultural name Zaki Baruti which means "charitable teacher." He is the oldest of ten and was raised in East St. Louis, IL. in a section of the city called the Southend, specifically "E" street which was a very close knitted community. His educational background included Lucas Elementary School, Hughes Quinn Junior High School, Lincoln Senior High School (Member of Baseball Team and National Honor Society), and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (BS-History/Master's in Educational Administration/Dean's List and Spokesperson for the Black Student Union).

After college, Zaki's spirit of community and union activism took many forms as listed below:

As an educator in the East St. Louis School District 189 for over 33 years, he was very outspoken about the negative conditions impacting the students which led him to author two educational booklets entitled, "Challenge-The Building Of A Clean Prosperous Black Community Through Our Educational System As Opposed To The Conspiracy" and "Challenge-Part 2, Can We Do It." Also, Zaki was a strong union activist serving a number of years as the 2nd Vice President and Political Action Chairperson of the East St. Louis Federation of Teachers-Local 1220.

In response to the murder and assassination of Black Panther Party members Fred Hampton and Mark Clark by the Chicago Police Dept. and FBI, Zaki organized one of the largest demonstrations in East St. Louis in 1969. Accordingly, he began working with the Black Panther Party by distributing their newspaper in East St. Louis, IL and St. Louis, MO. During this time period, he also was the Political

Chairperson of the East St. Louis Black United Front.

In 1973 Zaki moved to St. Louis, MO and as a housing activist, he organized the Village Apartment Tenant Association located in Ferguson, Mo in order to address some of the deplorable conditions impacting the complex he was living in. Their efforts brought about substantial change, although his lease was not renewed because of his housing activism. Ironically, the Apartment complex was renamed Canfield Green where eventually Mike Brown Jr. was murdered on August 9, 2014.

In response to the police murder of Marilyn Banks in 1983, Zaki became Co-Chair of the Coalition Against Police Crimes and Repression and served in that position until 2014. During his tenure as Co-Chair, there were a number of high-profile police killings and brutality cases in St. Louis that the Coalition had to address.

His activism continued with him organizing a political organization called the Caucus for Community Progress. In 1984, this movement organized Missouri's First Statewide Black Peoples Political Convention with over several hundred people in attendance. As an extension of the conference objectives, Zaki became a Democratic Party candidate for Governor of Missouri that same year. In 1988, he ran a second time and received the endorsement of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. He shocked political pundits when he received over 87,000 votes, which was 19% of the vote total in a state with only 10% Black population. Each campaign was based on the principles of "Proportionate Political Representation" which simply means, that whatever percentage we are as a people on the national, state, and local levels of government, then we should have that percentage of political representation/power.

On April 4, 1989, members of his campaign for Governor formed the Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) and in the spirit of the Honorable Marcus "Moshiah" Garvey, he assumes the title President/General of this movement. From 1994 to 2001, Zaki hosted a radio program "Let's Get Busy" on radio station WGNU AM. In the year 2000, Zaki ran a third time for Governor as a Green Party candidate. During the Ferguson uprising of 2014, the UAPO was one of many organizations on the forefront of seeking justice for the Brown family. During this turbulent time, Zaki served as a Co-chair of the Mike Brown Leadership Coalition. In 2023, in support of St. Louis, MO 1st Black Elected Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner efforts to implement social justice reforms in that position, Zaki served as Co-chair of the Community Justice Coalition and continues to serve in that role today.

Finally, Zaki is the publisher of the UAPO quarterly newspaper, the African NewsWorld and host an internet TV program "Conversation with Zaki Baruti." which you can google UAPO NewsWorld to view previous shows. He enjoys travel and has been blessed to visit 36 countries. He was also blessed through the kind works of Minister Akbar Muhammad to meet four heads of state, including Muammar Qathafi (Libya), Robert Mugabe (Zimbabwe) Omar Basheer (Sudan), and Daniel Ortega (Nicaragua). Zaki has an undying love for his people, which is reflective of the fact that 60 of his 78 years of life have been dedicated to community service, advocacy and activism. Zaki has been married 49 years to (Brady) and has four children and six grandchildren.

Cuba's Top Diplomat to U.S. Notes Blockade Hurts Black Americans and Cubans Alike

By Stacy M. Brown | *The Washington Informer* July 8, 2025

Cuba's Deputy Director of U.S. Affairs Johana Tablada offered a sobering but impassioned critique of current U.S. policy toward Cuba, where she called on Americans — especially African Americans — to pay closer attention to the consequences of decades-long sanctions and misinformation.

In an interview at Black Press USA's headquarters in Washington, D.C., Tablada described the current relationship between the U.S. and Cuba as being "at a low point," marked by "maximum aggression" from the U.S. government.

"It is difficult to describe this as anything but open hostility," she told Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., president and CEO of National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association representing more than 200 African American newspapers and media companies. "This year alone, since Jan. 20, the U.S. has imposed more than a dozen unilateral coercive measures against Cuba."

Recently, the Trump administration signed a National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM) regarding Cuba, supporting an "economic embargo" on Cuba and enforcing "the statutory ban on U.S. tourism to Cuba," and reversing Cuban-American relations that had been advanced by his predecessor.

"This NSPM restores and strengthens the robust Cuba policy from the president's first term, reversing the Biden administration's revocation that eased pressure on the Cuban regime," according to a June 30 White House fact sheet on the NSPM.

The sanctions — from his inauguration in January to the late-June NSMP — Tablada noted, go far beyond restricting trade; they include denying visas to Cuban athletes and scientists, interfering with cultural and educational exchanges, and cutting remittances through Western Union.

"The Cuban Olympic Committee's president wasn't granted a visa to attend events in the U.S.," she said. "And this during a cycle leading up to the Olympics in Los Angeles."

Tablada specifically pointed to the Trump administration's reinstatement of Cuba on the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism as fraudulent and damaging.

"It's a designation based on lies," she said. "And when a

country is placed on that list, it becomes nearly impossible to receive oil, medical supplies, or even financial transfers due to global banking fears."

She drew a sharp contrast between the current state of U.S.-Cuba policy and the optimism that accompanied President Barack Obama's historic visit to Havana in 2016.

"We had a breakthrough," she declared. "We were talking and engaging respectfully—even when we disagreed. That's no longer happening."

Cuban Connections With Africa, African American Community

Throughout the 40-minute interview, Tablada spoke fondly of the long-standing solidarity between Cuba and the African American community.

She invoked the legacy of Malcolm X, the symbolism of his 1960 meeting with Fidel Castro in Harlem, and Cuba's military support for liberation movements in Angola and South Africa.

"Cuba is the only country in Latin America that went back to Africa and fought and died to end apartheid," she said. "That bond with the African diaspora is deep and permanent."

She noted that Cuban identity and culture are inextricably linked to Africa.

"Our music, our food, our sense of honor—it all comes from Mother Africa. And we have a responsibility to protect that legacy," she remarked.

'Provoked Suffering and Hardship'

Tablada called the decades-long U.S. embargo — enforced through a patchwork of laws, including the 1917 Trading with the Enemy Act, the Helms-Burton Act, and the Torricelli Act — an unprecedented and inhumane measure.

"There is no other country in the world that faces this level of comprehensive economic warfare," she said. "It's not just unfair; it's provoked suffering and hardship."

She added that Cuba has never retaliated with sanctions or actions against the United States, highlighting the one-sided nature of the policy.

The diplomat also pushed back on U.S. accusations of forced labor in Cuba's international medical missions.

"We operate in 56 countries with agreements supported by the United Nations," she said. "Yes, those missions generate income to fund our free health care system—but calling that human trafficking is a grotesque lie. The U.S. is spending millions to manufacture pretexts for aggression."

Tablada warned that U.S. policies are even affecting tourism and access to energy.

"Today, the U.S. actively blocks vessels from delivering oil to Cuba. It pressures other countries to deny Cuba tourism access," she asserted. "And then it blames us for the resulting blackouts and scarcities. This is not diplomacy. This is punishment."

Tablada Offers Call to Action

Despite the challenges, Tablada expressed hope in the people of the United States.

"I believe that if Americans—especially African Americans—knew the full truth, they would reject these policies," she said. "Because they have always stood on the side of justice, from civil rights to solidarity with global liberation movements."

She extended an invitation for the Black Press of America to work with Cuban journalists to strengthen the exchange of truth.

"Let's put Cuba back on the radar," she said. "The people of both countries want peace, not conflict."

While Tablada admitted to a lot of challenges, she said she still has hope based on two factors: "Our youth and the truth."

"When people talk to each other honestly, Tablada continued, "good things happen."

As Cuba's deputy director of U.S. Affairs, Tablada said she would welcome a conversation with President Trump himself.

"Let's talk. Cuba is not an enemy of the United States," she said. "Let's stop the lies and sit down. Every time we've done that, progress followed."

The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) Expresses Its Deepest Gratitude and Respect To The Legacies of These Members Who Have Recently Transitioned



Lionel Nixon

Dec. 1, 1950 - Sept. 13, 2025



Martha Jane West

May 12, 1932 - Mar. 30, 2025



Susie Mayberry Parker

Dec. 24, 1962 - Feb. 23, 2024



Prince Carter

Dec. 1, 1963 - July 24, 2025



Pamela Wells-Wood

June 25, 1949 - May 20, 2025

Alabama miles away from his home in Sheffield, AL. The Colbert County Sheriff's office ruled Richardson's death a suicide. However, Denorris wife Leigh believes her husband's death was connected to a lawsuit he filed against the police department in February 2024. Local activists and other Black community members are also skeptical of the suicide ruling based on the region's history of lynching and more recent history of police brutality and racist misconduct in Colbert County, AL.

US News April 28, 2010: A Belleville, IL woman says police need to investigate whether her 15 year old son was killed before ruling his death a suicide. The body of Lester Wells Jr. was found Sunday a mile from his home hanging from a railroad trestle over a stream, the Cahokia, IL Police said. St. Clair County Coroner Rick Stream said the death appeared to be a suicide, the Belleville News-Democrat reported. The teen's mother, Crystal Teague, said nearby residents saw her son arguing with three young men who pulled him into their car. Teague told the News Democrat she doesn't believe her son killed himself and the police should have asked about his life before ruling his death a suicide. "How are you going to rule something a suicide without asking his family whether anything was going on in his life or at home!", Teague said. The Cahokia police didn't return calls seeking a comment.

Outrage as Pro-Trump rapper and country singer release Pro-Lynching song: "Hang'em High at Sundown". A white rapper known for viral anthems supporting Trump and Republican officials has released a music video with a country singer calling for public lynchings. Over a banjo riff, the chorus of "Good vs Evil" from MAGA rapper Forgiato Blow and country singer JJ Lawhorn repeats instructions for hanging people at "sundown towns" that violently enforce racial segregation. The song

calls for "a big, tall tree and a short piece of rope" to "hang'em them high at sundown and "leave'em swinging" so the folks know you don't mess around in our town. A verse from Forgiato Blow, whose real name is Kurt Kantz, lists three white murder victims who's killer or accused killers are Black and Latino. He named the killings of Austin Metcalf, Laken Riley, and Iryna Zarutka, who was stabbed on a bus in North Carolina. Jantz says she was killed by a nigger. Later he sings "we ought to do it like they did it way back in the day because granddaddy's way works best."

The above short news flashes focusing on suspicious lynchings were reported on Newsmax, Associated Press and US News. Also, The UAPO encourages every home in America to purchase a copy and read the book "100 Years of Lynching" by Ralph Ginzburg. Finally, my people, please reflect on the below attached poem by renowned author and poet Claude McKay. Claude McKay was a Jamaican American. He was a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance Movement. He authored five novels including Home To Harlem, Harlem Glory, Banjo, Banana Butter, and Amiable With Big Teeth: A Novel Of The Love Affair Between The Communists And The Poor Black Sheep Of Harlem. His poem "If We Must Die" was written in 1919 and was in response to the wave of "white on black riots" and lynchings following World War 1 (1914-1918).



If We Must Die

By Claude McKay

If we must die, let it not be like hogs
 Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,
 While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs
 Making their mock at our accursed lot.
 If we must die, O let us nobly die,
 So that our precious blood may not be shed
 In vain; then even the monsters we defy
 Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!
 O kinsmen! we must meet the common foe!
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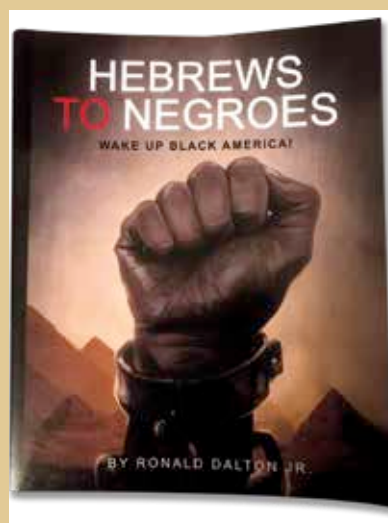
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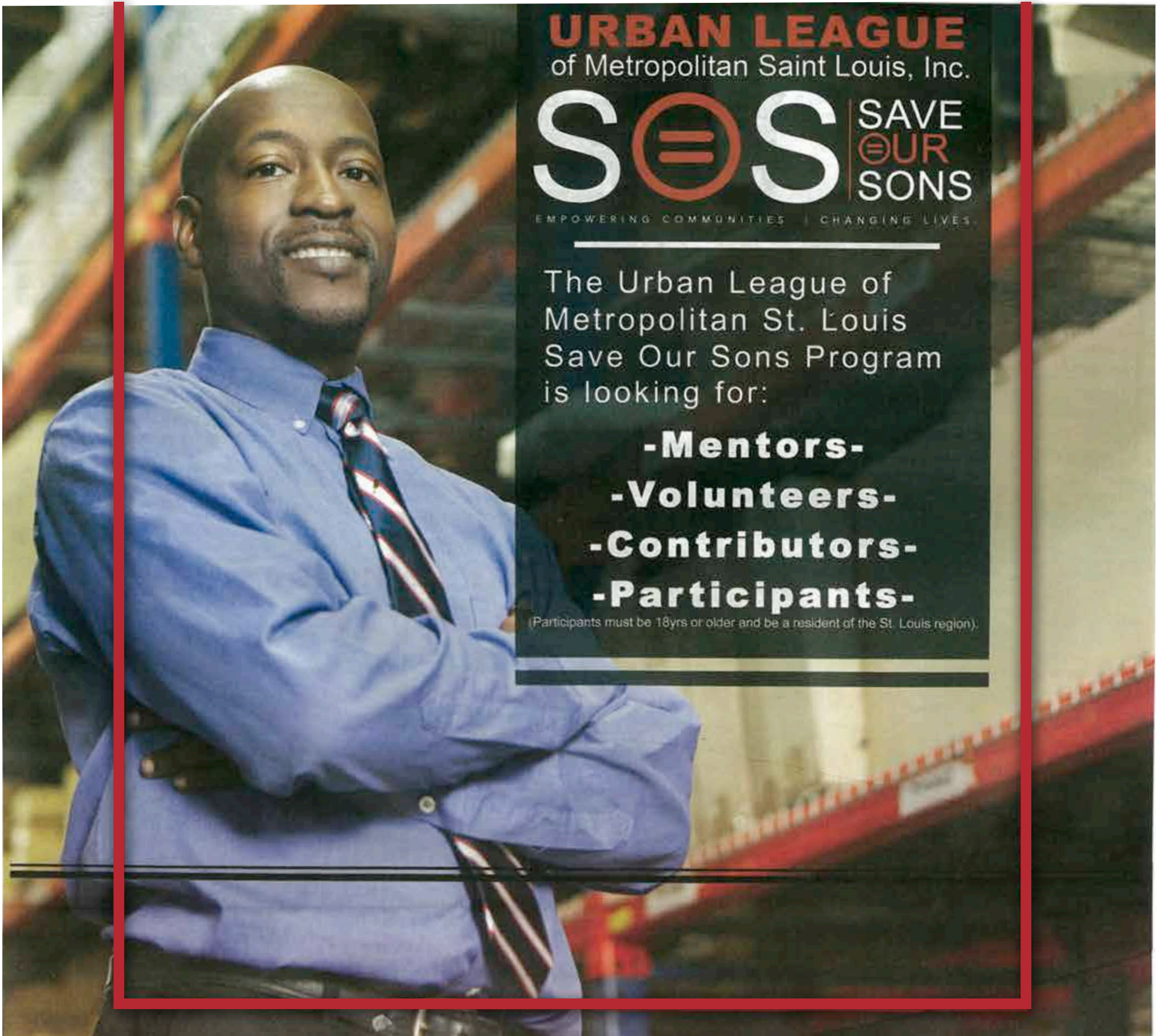


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